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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

ADDRESS TO:

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 00-618-A  
Application No.: 09/648,775  
Filing Date: 8/28/00  
First Named Inventor: Biaggioni  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Examiner: M. Berch

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including March 24, 2002.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))    | \$       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$920.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$       |

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 460.00.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name            A. Blair Hughes  
Reg. No.        32,901

Signature        *A. Blair Hughes*

Date            March 12, 2002

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